

RADIO OPERATORS

303. **Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe (Kunnamkulam):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the number of radio operators ;
- (b) whether they are all given any pay and if so, what is the pay ;
- (c) whether they are all given any allowance besides their pay and if so, what amount ;
- (d) whether there are any radio operators who are neither paid nor given any allowance ;
- (e) whether any of the radio operators have been ordered to refund the amount drawn by them ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):

- (a) 13.
- (b) No. Only an allowance of Rs. 12 per mensem is being paid.
- (c) It has been now ordered that they are eligible for a dearness allowance of Rs. 12 also.
- (d) No.
- (e) Yes ; but the objection has since been withdrawn.

CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR TRAINING ABROAD

304. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

how many candidates selected by Government to undergo technical training abroad in connection with Post-war Development have already left the State and who are they ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Chief Secretary to Government):

One. Mr. P. V. John.

USE OF COKE BY INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS

305. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) was coke being used by industrial concerns in Cochin during pre-war days ;
- (b) if so, how many concerns were using coke and what was the annual consumption of coke ;
- (c) is coke available now ; if not, when was it that it ceased to be available ;
- (d) is there any control over distribution of coke in India ;
- (e) if so, did Cochin apply for a quota ;
- (f) how many industrial concerns in the State applied for quota for coke and what was the total quantity applied for ;
- (g) did the India Government allow any quota for Cochin ; if so, what was the quota ;
- (h) was this quota imported, if not, why not ;
- (i) did Government take any steps to assure an adequate supply of coke for industrial purposes in the State ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (Chief Secretary to Government):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) 7 concerns. Annual consumption 200 tons approximately.
- (c) Coke is available now.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) 11 concerns. (See statement appended).—Appendix III—The total quantity applied for is 393 tons.
- (g) Yes. 2 waggon loads for the period August to October 1945.
- (h) It was imported.
- (i) Yes.

ARECANUT DUTY COLLECTED—PARTICULARS OF

306. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) what is the amount of arecanut duty collected in the State during the months of Chingam, Kanni and Thulam 1121 ;
- (b) what is the total anticipated income under the head for the year 1121 ;
- (c) what was the total collection under the head in the year 1120 ;
- (d) what is the amount that has been received by the State as its share from the All India Pool during the last financial year ?